

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF FACTORY STATISTICS, 1939-40.

Preliminary estimates of the principal items relating to the Secondary Industries of the State for the year ended 30th June 1940 are issued herewith. They are subject to revision but may be taken as approximately correct.

Since 1931-32, the year of lowest levels, there has been a steady improvement in the Secondary Industries of the State and the year 1939-40 continued to show such substantial progress that, in general, the past year can be considered the best on record. A decline in Motor Body Building was more than offset by the establishment of several large new industries and increased activity in Engineering, Woolscouring, Clothing and Boots & Shoes.

The output selling value at the factory of all work done during the year is estimated at £38,000,000 (£35,005,264), the cost of materials, fuel, light, power, &c. used being £23,600,000 (£21,326,334). The value of production which represents the value added to materials &c. as a result of treatment is estimated at £14,400,000 (£13,678,930). There were 44,500 (43,371) persons including Working Proprietors employed on the average over the whole year and who received £9,000,000 (£8,547,462) in Salaries and Wages.

The totals for the principal items in each year since 1934-35 are as follows :-

Year	No. of Fac- tories	Number of Employees (inc.W.P.) for whole year	Salaries & Wages paid (inc.W.P.)	Cost of materials fuel &c. used	Value of Output	Value of Production (added value)
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£
1934-35	1,805	33,497	5,733,865	16,142,059	25,699,172	9,557,113
1935-36	1,895	38,471	6,694,151	20,234,386	31,904,091	11,669,705
1936-37	1,916	40,710	7,518,239	22,256,613	34,528,176	12,271,563
1937-38	1,980	44,084	8,412,975	22,419,782	36,239,937	13,820,155
1938-39	2,067	43,371	8,547,462	21,326,334	35,005,264	13,678,930
1939-40a	2,270	44,500	9,000,000	23,600,000	38,000,000	14,400,000
Increase 1 year	203	1,129	452,538	2,273,666	2,994,736	721,070
5 years	465	11,003	3,266,135	7,457,941	12,300,828	4,842,887

a. Subject to revision.

A brief analysis of 434 returns of establishments, each with an output value of £10,000 and over reveals that 265 showed increased productive activity for 1939-40 over 1938-39, and 169 showed less.

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